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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.118-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1652"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
NICOLE DUSCH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RAMIREZ, D.
SERIAL NO: 09/965,825 :
FILED: OCTOBER 1, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF D-
PANTOTHENIC ACID USING
CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed December 1, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.